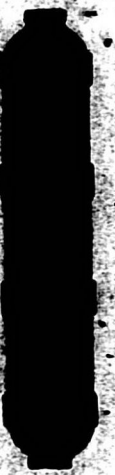


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MRS MATSUMURA, T. MATSUMURA  
YADA, SHIGEMITSU

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(C.I.D.) Office Notes

Central Station,  
March 14, 1929.

RE MOLESTATION OF JAPANESE WOMEN ON THE STREETS

Sir,

Acting under your instructions I made inquiries in connection with the alleged cases of molestation of Japanese women in the streets reported by the Shanghai Nippo, dated March 12. My inquiries elicited the fact that the victim in the case occurring in the Pao Loh Li off North Szechuen Road was Mrs. Natsumura, wife of Mr. T. Natsumura residing at Y.O. 106 Darroch Road. This incident happened at 10.30 a.m. March 5 when Mrs. Natsumura was molested by several Chinese loafers who deprived her of her glasses. The report published in the Shanghai Nippo in this connection is correct, but this case was not formally reported to the station.

With regard to the case of snatching of a muffler, however, there is no truth in this report. The reporter who is responsible for this article, when interviewed by me, stated that he overheard a conversation between two students of the Japanese Girls' High School respecting this attempted larceny, but was unable to guarantee its authenticity. This conversation evidently referred to a case occurring some months ago in which one of the girl students had a narrow escape at the hands of several Chinese footpads who attempted to snatch away her muffler. The reporter apparently published this as an entirely new report by drawing upon his imaginations.

I remain, Sir,

Yours obediently,

S. Nakagawa

Superintendent,

"A" Division.

A. C. (C.)

J. B. I.

S. Nakagawa informed me that the reporter who stated that he would answer the report. R.C.F.

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The magazine reports of the case.  
15.3.29  
J.B.I.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
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MOLESTATION OF JAPANESE WOMEN IN THE STREET

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The Shanghai Nippo publishes the following report:-  
 Some days ago a certain Japanese lady was subjected to great indignities at the hands of four respectably dressed Chinese in the Pao Loh Li (寶樂里) off North Szechuen Road. As soon as the men saw the lady approaching, one of them, taking advantage of the fact that she was alone, went up to her and attempted to snatch away her glasses. In the ensuing struggle the spectacles dropped and were smashed to pieces. The hoodligan then picked up the broken glasses and disappeared. The others simply stood there and laughed as if it were a great joke.

Another Japanese lady residing on Scott Road also had a narrow escape. Other day on Dixwell Road near North Szechuen Road when three Chinese barred her way and attempted to snatch away her muffler. Fortunately, just then a Japanese gentleman happened to pass by and this frightened away the miscreants. Many Chinese passed by while the helpless lady was struggling desperately, but they did nothing to help her. This sort of molestation of Japanese women frequently occurs nowadays and some are inclined to believe that their motives are other than that of mere larceny.

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BANQUET IN HONOUR OF NEW AND OLD CONSULS-GENERAL

The Shanghai Mainichi, Shanghai Nippo and the Shanghai Nichi Nichi publish the following report:-  
 Mr. Yada, the former Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, and Mr. Shigemitsu, his successor, were the guests of honour last night at a large banquet tendered by the leading members of the local Japanese community at the Japanese Club at 8.30 p.m. yesterday. There were present more than 300 persons. The affair was a great success.

*D. S. Nakagawa. Hampden.  
 Report please. Any truth in  
 above article?*

*R. Candlish.  
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